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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Hanscom on 10-22-2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 22 is allowable. Claims 24-33, 35 and 40-45, previously withdrawn from consideration as a result of a restriction requirement, contain all the limitations of an allowable claim. Pursuant to the procedures set forth in MPEP § 821.04(a), **the restriction requirement among inventions I-XVII, as set forth in the Office action mailed on 8-11-2008, is hereby withdrawn** and claims 24-33, 35 and 40-45 have been hereby rejoined and fully examined for patentability under 37 CFR 1.104. In view of the withdrawal of the restriction requirement, applicant(s) are advised that if any claim presented in a continuation or divisional application is anticipated by, or includes all the limitations of, a claim that is allowable in the present application, such claim may be subject to provisional statutory and/or nonstatutory double patenting rejections over the claims of the instant application. Once the restriction requirement is withdrawn, the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 121 are no longer applicable. See *In re Ziegler*, 443 F.2d 1211, 1215, 170 USPQ 129, 131-32 (CCPA 1971). See also MPEP § 804.01.

In claim 22, line 8, the word "plate" has been changed to -- plates --.

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In claim 24, line 2, the phrase “one third” has been changed to -- two thirds --.

In claim 33, line 2, the last word “of” has been deleted and line 3, the expression “1/3” has been changed to -- two thirds --.

In claim 42, line 1, the phrase “one third” has been changed to -- two thirds --.

In claim 46, the last phrase “said partial web of said width of two thirds of said maximum web width being directed over this one of said at least first and second turning bars” has been replaced with the text -- one of said at least first and second partial webs of material, each having a partial web width of less than said maximum web width, being directed over said one of said at least first and second turning bars --.

The above changes have been made to correct minor oversights by the applicant and to place the application in condition for allowance.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ren L. Yan whose telephone number is 571-272-2173. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Judy Nguyen can be reached on 571-272-2258. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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